

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2, 17, 36 and 37 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein.

1. (Currently amended) A sugar-free composition comprising:

a) a mixture of at least two polyols present in an amount from about 15 to 80% by weight, said polyols being ~~selected from the group consisting of~~ hydrogenated starch hydrolysate, ~~isomalt, erythritol, polydextrose, and~~ maltitol, ~~lactitol, sorbitol, xylitol, mannitol and mixtures thereof;~~

b) an emulsifier system present in an amount from about 1.0 to 30% by weight;

c) an active agent in an amount from about 0.1 to 70% by weight;

d) water in an amount from 0 to 15% by weight; and

e) optional components comprising colors, flavors and binders, wherein said ingredients in said sugar-free composition are present in an amount totaling 100%.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Original) The sugar-free composition according to claim 1

wherein said emulsifier system contains at least one emulsifier and at least one fat.

4. (Original) The sugar-free composition according to claim 3 where in said emulsifier is present in an amount from about 0.5 to 20.0% by weight of the final composition and said fat is present in an amount from about 1.0 to 10.0% by weight of the final composition.

5. (Original) The sugar-free composition according to claim 3, wherein said fat component is selected from the group consisting of chocolate, cocoa butter, palm oil, canola oil, corn oil, sunflower oil, coconut oil, partially hydrogenated soybean oil, partially hydrogenated palm oil, partially hydrogenated coconut oil, partially hydrogenated canola oil, partially hydrogenated cottonseed oil, recinolate, and mixtures thereof.

6. (Original) The sugar-free composition according to claim 3, wherein said emulsifier is selected from the group consisting of acetylated monoglycerides, glycerol esters, lecithin, de-oiled lecithin, enzyme-modified lecithins, purified lecithins, glycerol monostearate, polyglycerol esters, propylene glycol esters, sorbitan esters, polysorbate esters, sodium laurel sulfate, polyethylene glycols, sorbitol mono-, di- and tri-stearates and mixtures thereof.

7. (Original) The sugar-free composition according to claim 1, wherein said active agent is selected from the group consisting of dietary fiber, stannol esters, therapeutically active substances, vitamins, minerals, antacids, cough and cold medications, analgesics, cardiovascular medications, anti-smoking, psychotherapeutics, antibiotics, and mixtures thereof.

8. (Original) The sugar-free composition according to claim 1, further comprising a viscosity improvement agent present in an amount from about 0.1 to 10% by weight of the final composition.

9. (Currently amended) The sugar-free composition according to claim 7 8, wherein said viscosity improvement agent is selected from the group consisting of locust bean gum, guar gum, hydrolyzed guar gum, carrageenan, starches, gum arabic, gelatin, agar, alginate, pectin and mixtures thereof.

10. (Original) The sugar-free composition according to claim 1, further comprising a bioadhesive agent.

11. (Original) The sugar-free composition according to claim 10, wherein said bioadhesive agent is selected from the group consisting of hydroxypropylmethyl cellulose, ethyl cellulose, acrylic esters, polyvinyl acetates, alcohols and gums.

12. (Original) The sugar-free composition according to claim 1, wherein said mixture of at least two polyols is present in an

amount of about 20 to 50% by weight.

13. (Original) The sugar-free composition according to claim 1, wherein said active agent is an amount of about 1.0 to 50% by weight.

14. (Original) The sugar-free composition according to claim 1, wherein said active agent is at least one fiber.

15. (Original) The sugar-free composition according to claim 14, wherein said fiber is selected from the group consisting of noncellulosic polysaccharides, pectin, gums, algal polysaccharides, specialty maltodextrins, cellulose, hemicellulose, fructo-oligo saccharides, psyllium, lignin, mucilages and mixtures thereof.

16. - 37. (Canceled)

38. (Currently amended) An oral hygiene composition comprising:

a) a mixture of at least two polyols present in an amount from about 50 to 99% by weight, said polyols being ~~selected from the group consisting of~~ hydrogenated starch hydrolysate, ~~isomalt, erythritol, polydextrose, and~~ maltitol, ~~lactitol, sorbitol, xylitol, mannitol and mixtures thereof;~~

b) an emulsifier system present in an amount from about 1.0 to 30% by weight;

c) an active ingredient in an amount from about 0.0 to 20% by weight;

d) a bioadhesive agent for improving oral hygiene; and

e) water in an amount from 0 to 25% by weight.

39. (Currently amended) A weight reduction or cholesterol reducing composition comprising:

a) a mixture of at least two polyols present in an amount from about 50 to 99% by weight, said polyols being ~~selected from the group consisting of~~ hydrogenated starch hydrolysate, ~~isomalt, erythritol, polydextrose, and~~ maltitol, ~~lactitol, sorbitol, xylitol, mannitol and mixtures thereof;~~

b) an emulsifier system present in an amount from about 1.0 to 30% by weight;

c) an active agent in an amount from about 0.0 to 20% by weight, said active agent being selected from the group consisting of dietary fibers, hydroxycitric acid, vitamins, minerals, and mixtures thereof; and

d) water in an amount from 0 to 15% by weight.